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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 28 April 1993 (S/25689), I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian armed forces have again bombarded Iraqi border territory in the northern part of Iraq, inflicting losses of lives and property.

On the morning of 7 May 1993, the Iranian artillery bombarded the Iraqi areas of Pusht and Parwin, which led to the displacement of Iraqi Kurdish families, who fled their homes in these areas and moved further inside Iraqi territory in order to escape the savage Iranian bombardment and in fear of anticipated Iranian aggression.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq protests vehemently at this fresh Iranian act of aggression against Iraq, which constitutes a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and blatant intervention in its internal affairs, and condemns the Iranian regime's persistence in violating Security Council resolution 598 (1987) by its commission of these acts of aggression.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, while calling on you to intervene to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are incompatible with the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, reserves its full right to respond by using any appropriate means to protect Iraq's rights and legitimate interests.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative